

**Transbay Joint Powers Authority**

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Michael Scanlon
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Dear Chair Scanlon:

The Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) respectfully requests membership in the Bay Area Partnership. The TJPA has long been interested in joining the Bay Area Partnership, and has previously requested membership. We believe the TJPA strongly meets the eligibility criteria set forth in the recent revision to Resolution No. 3509 and should be included in the Partnership's membership. We are committed to participating on the Board and to having staff participate regularly on the Partnership Technical Advisory Committee.

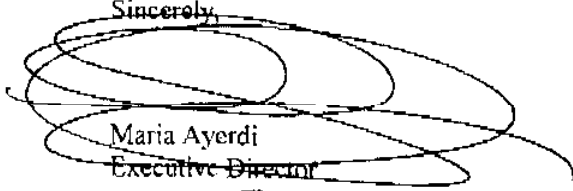
The Transbay Terminal/Caltrain Downtown Extension/Redevelopment Project fits solidly within the Partnership's objective of "improving mobility, air quality and travel safety." We are fully committed to bringing these benefits to future terminal passengers and are eager to work with other Bay Area transportation agencies to maximize our efforts in this area.

Since ISTEA was signed into law, there has been a new and welcome emphasis on integrating travel modes. One of the most basic and important attributes of the proposed new Transbay Terminal is its intermodality, connecting no less than six regional bus services with Caltrain, High Speed Rail and BART in the heart of a dense urban downtown. Integration is accomplished when all affected agencies work together. The TJPA can serve an important role in facilitating this integration, working cooperatively within the framework of the Partnership.

The Partnership has become an important voice in the formulation of legislation to secure funding for our region's transportation objectives. The TJPA can be a beneficial part of this strategic alliance, which is needed to successfully compete with other parts of the nation for scarce transportation funding. Additionally, while the TJPA has secured a large portion of the capital funding necessary for the project, it is important that we have the opportunity to work with your member agencies and communicate openly as we develop further innovative financing methods.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please feel free to contact me at (415) 597-4620 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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